

News Briefs

2,000 lbs. pot seized, three arrested in Malibu Panga boat landing

An abandoned Panga boat filled with what appeared to be bales of marijuana was discovered at Leo Carrillo State Beach in Malibu on Monday morning.

Resident Kurt Holland found the boat filled with plastic bags around 7:30 a.m. and notified authorities. A helicopter search was conducted to determine if anyone onboard the boat escaped into nearby hills.

An official with knowledge of the ongoing investigation said three men were taken into custody and authorities seized approximately 2,000 pounds of marijuana.



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Malibu drug lab explodes, critically burning one person

A marijuana lab explosion at a home on Encinal Canyon Road in Malibu left at least one person critically burned on Tuesday evening, according to authorities.

The Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station received a call to assist at the fire at 5:54 p.m., according to the station front desk. A Twitter alert issued by the L.A. County Fire Department said at least one person was critically burned and being airlifted to a nearby hospital. A fire at the scene was extinguished by 6:30 p.m., according to city emergency services coordinator Brad Davis.

The home was reportedly located at 1250 Encinal Canyon Rd. near the Malibu Golf Course. Sgt. Slutsky of the Malibu/Lost Hills station said the fire was contained to the home's attic.

Arrests made in Samohi teacher-student fight

A pair of Santa Monica High School (Samohi) students have been arrested following a fight with a teacher on Friday.

In a cell phone video taken by

another student, science teacher Mark Black is seen wrestling with a student. Black brings the student to the ground and holds him there. The video was posted to YouTube and featured by many television news outlets.

The fight reportedly started after the student brought marijuana to class.

Black, who is also a wrestling coach, was placed on leave shortly after the incident.

An 18-year-old male was arrested for alleged possession of pot and a box cutter, according to the Santa Monica Police Department. Police are seeking charges for possession of a weapon on campus, possession of marijuana on school grounds, battery against a school employee and threatening a school official. He is due in court Tuesday.

A 16-year-old male was also arrested in the case. SMPD is seeking battery charges against him as well.

"The district did not rush to judgment in this case, but others certainly have based on only YouTube postings that show a small portion of what actually happened at the school," Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Superintendent Sandra Lyon said on Monday.

A version of this story originally

appeared in the Santa Monica Daily Press.

Coastal Commission to decide on LCP for Santa Monica Mountains

The California Coastal

Commission on Thursday will hold a hearing to decide whether to approve a local coastal program (LCP) governing future development in the Santa Monica Mountains.

The proposed LCP, which has drawn criticism from some stakeholders over what they see as restrictions

on equestrian uses and agriculture, will be debated by the 12-member commission at its regular meeting in Santa Barbara.

The LCP runs adjacent to Malibu city limits, covering unincorporated areas of the Santa Monica Mountains within LA County's coastal zone — an area of about 80 square miles. The plan would make the county the sole authority on development and construction projects in the Santa Monica Mountains.

The all-day meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday at the Hyatt Santa Barbara at 1111 East Cabrillo Blvd., Santa Barbara. It may also be viewed online at www.coastal.ca.gov.

Twenty arrests made at DUI checkpoint, three for DUI

LA County Sheriff's authorities made 20 arrests for various offenses at a DUI and driver's license checkpoint in Malibu on Friday night, with three arrested on suspicion for driving under the influence.

The checkpoint was set up on Pacific Coast Highway and Malibu Canyon Road, where 10 unlicensed drivers were arrested and sent to **See News Briefs, page A8**

Malibu Misdeeds

The following crimes allegedly took place in Malibu between March 20-24, according to recent police reports filed with the Malibu / Lost Hills Sheriff's Station.

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Pill pilferer

■ Items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle along Pacific Coast Highway. The stolen items include: 16 GB Black iPhone 5, Chase debit card, 30 "Norco" Pills, 30 "Zaniflex" pills and \$200.

3/21

Garage grab

■ A residential burglary along Pacific Coast Highway was reported where a victim had a toolbox and ladder stolen from his locked storage container located inside the parking area.

3/22

iPod + wine = party time

■ A locked vehicle was burglarized at 28925 Pacific Coast Highway. The items stolen include: wallet with miscellaneous credit cards, a used iPod, 24-bottle case of wine and used binoculars. The rear passenger window was shattered.

3/24

Burgled bubbly

■ A Mac, SanDisk 8 GB thumb drive and bottles of Dom Perigon, Ace of Spades and Cristal champagne were stolen in a burglary that was reported along Pacific Coast Highway.

■ A grand theft from an unlocked vehicle on Cavalleri Road was reported. The items stolen include: hunter green Orvis backpack with leather trimming (\$200 value), Apple Macbook pro and a Chico development book.

Obituary

Helen Mills

Helen Mills of Malibu passed away on April 4 at age 91.

Helen was born on Feb. 27, 1923, in Wadsworth, Ohio to Ester Szavo and Lawrence Bayduk.

Helen attended schools in Wadsworth and after graduation, she went to People's Hospital of Nursing in Akron, Ohio, where she was awarded her RN. She continued nursing until retiring from Sparks Hospital in Fort Smith, Ark.

While working at the VA hospital in Cleveland, Helen met and married George Mills of Fort Smith in 1955. They remained married until Mr.



Mills passed away in 2003. She had one son, James L. Mills of Malibu.

Helen moved to Malibu to be close to her son, daughter-in-law, Donna Mills, and grandchildren, Jamey, Robbie and Catherine.

Helen's survivors include many nieces and nephews, their children, grandchildren and a big, red dog named Winter.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Golden Retriever Rescue of Southern California, or the charity of your choice. A celebration of life will take place at her home on April 13 from 1-4 p.m.

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